GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN WATER LEVEL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission has pointed out that70 water sources suppliers of the country show the decline in water levels which ultimately lead to grave water crisis in future; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed by the Government to avoid such situation ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Central Water Commission prepares weekly reports on storage position of 70 important reservoirs in the Country. Storage in the reservoirs depends on rain fall in the catchment of the reservoir and withdrawal from the reservoir and thus storage fluctuates on year to year basis. Out of the total storage of 130.553 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM)in these 70 reservoirs, the storage position as on 25.5.2001 i.e. before onset of monsoon was 17% of the live storage which has increased to 55% due to monsoon rainfall and increased flow in rivers during the current monsoon.